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YOUTHFUL CRIMINALS.

Governor Patterson by pardoning eighteen boys last week administered a rebuke to the penal system of this state and made plainer than ever before the urgent, the dire need of an institution where wayward youths could be confined with the ultimate end in view of reforming them. From time to time individual cases where youngsters, almost too young to differentiate between right and wrong, who had been convicted of felonies have aroused public sentiment, but, so far as we know, never before have the facts of how child imprisonment is practiced in this state been brought before the public in such a concrete form.

The prisoners whom the Governor pardoned, ranged in age from 10 years to 18 years. The former case being that of a colored lad sent up from Franklin County for burglary, while the latter was that of a white youth committed for twelve years from Blount County on the charge of rape. The total ages of the 18 boys was 245 years, making an average age of 13.5 years. The average of the 11 colored boys is 12.36 years and that of the 7 whites is 15.28 years.

The conditions made bare by the executive clemency of Mr. Patterson are appalling and should cause an honest blush of shame to spread over the people of this proud state who have always congratulated themselves upon our humane institutions. They show that while meeting out justice too often mercy is an unknown and an unwelcome visitor. They show that though legislatures have been importuned by Governors—notably Robt. L. Taylor—to provide for the reformation of youthful criminals, the law-making branch of our state government has been inexcusably derelict to one of its highest obligations.

Governor Patterson may be criticised for the wholesale pardoning of these boys. Such is to be expected. There are those who, like Shylock, would demand the pound of flesh, no matter what be the conditions so long as they did not affect their selfish interests. Others, whose motives can not be impugned, may criticize him because they believe that once a court has convicted an offender he should be compelled to serve to the utmost the sentence imposed. Regardless of these, Mr. Patterson has seen what he conceived to be the right course and has followed it. In so doing he has focused the limelight on what to humane persons appears to be an ulcer in the penal and judicial systems of our state. We hope that Gov. Patterson's action in this case will so awaken the people of Tennessee that at a very early date the proud old Volunteer State will take its place with other progressive and humane states by

erecting a reformatory where youths criminally inclined can be confined separate and apart from hardened and confirmed criminals.

THE PASSING OF PROF. W. L. CANSLER.

In the death of Prof. W. L. Cansler, Nashville loses one of her most progressive citizens. Mr. Cansler was long identified with the educational work of this city, and in religious work he was known from one end of this country to the other, because of his identification with the National Baptist Convention, the largest Negro convention in the United States, and other religious organizations.

Locally, until his health began to fail, he was connected with all the religious organizations which worked for the betterment of the individual churches, his denomination and the race. As a lodge man, his popularity can be readily seen when the fact is stated that at the meeting of the Knights of Pythias, held in Knoxville last month, though scarcely able to be present, he was re-elected unanimously and by acclamation to one of the most important offices in the gift of the Order. In other fraternities his true worth was recognized in a like manner.

Mr. Cansler had his peculiarities, but beneath what at times seemed to be a rough exterior there was a warm, tender heart that ever beat with the constancy of a true friend. Few, indeed, will be the former school boys and girls who were students of "Billy" Cansler, who will not feel like dropping a tear on hearing of the passing of this, one of the favorite teachers of their youth. They knew him. They loved him.

The various organizations with which Prof. Cansler was connected, the city of Nashville, and the Negro race have sustained a loss which they could ill afford by the death of William L. Cansler.

THE STRIKE OF THE TELEGRAPHERS.

The strike of the telegraphers has made the daily papers of the country assume the appearance of a scrap book filled with clippings appealing to various trends of thought. It has further drawn the attention of the public to the irrepressible conflict between organized labor and organized capital, a battle between a labor trust on the one side and on the other side two companies between which it is claimed there is an agreement to monopolize, without competition, the telegraphic business of the country.

This strike, which if it continues to spread will cause great losses to all lines of business, was caused, ostensibly, by a California telegrapher, who was discharged because he refused to live up to the agreement made by the Union in that state recently. The man was discharged and the Union demanded his reinstatement to which demand the Company refused to accede. Then from one office to another, until all the country seems to be involved, the Union men have left their keys.

In a contest between capital and labor the sympathy of the masses is always with the latter when there is the slightest semblance of a just complaint upon its part. The huge sums of money paid out in dividends, the large amounts often put aside by these mammoth business enterprises as undivided profits, the seeming disregard by many of these corporations for the rights of the public, make the sympathy naturally drift towards the men who are doing the drudgery which pile the great fortunes of the owners of such concerns.

The public is willing to take the side of the striker when he has a real grievance. It realizes that some of the most salutary reforms ever accomplished in the industrial world have been brought about by the organized opposition of labor, but it has little patience with a sympathetic strike brought about to uphold a workman who will not live up to his own agreement. The telegraphers undoubtedly have the right to demand higher wages and doubtless they deserve it, but they should free themselves from the odium of striking to uphold unworthy members.

A Japanese newspaper contained a very significant cartoon recently, one which, if it is representative of the feelings of the masses of that country, should cause the hot-headed San Franciscoians to ponder before they renew the anti-Japanese agitations. One portion of the cartoon represented the great ovation tendered the Russian Minister, Kuropatkin, when he visited Japan before the Russo-Japanese War. The other represented the proposed visit of Secretary Taft and the mighty welcome that will be tendered him. Under the former appears, "After General Kuropatkin visited us we had war," under the latter, "After Secretary Taft —?"

The "illy white" election commission at Chattanooga refused to appoint Negroes to act as registrars, even when some districts are composed almost exclusively of colored voters. Formerly though the majority of the Commission were democrats in some wards, the Negroes were recognized when appointments were made. The republican member seems to coincide with his confreres. Between a white republican and a democrat there is precious little difference these days. Another thing is true, every Negro in sight now is not a republican.

"Peaceful Bill" Taft speaks in Ohio next Monday at Columbus. It is expected that he will sound the administration's keynote for the next Presidential Campaign. "Bill" will doubtless try to offset Foraker's pronouncement upon the Brownsville affair. If so he has a rugged path to follow.

Now they say that officers of the U. S. Army in the Philippine Islands are sending souvenirs to their friends at the expense of the Federal Government. Why not? Roosevelt takes pleasure trips on a Government yacht.

The Negro newspaper is not the only newspaper that can be read in five minutes these days. Some white dailies this week could have been read in less time.

DEATH OF MRS. STRATTON.

Mrs. Sadie Verilee Stratton, wife of Mr. George L. Stratton, of Fourteenth avenue, North, died Saturday, Aug. 10, after an illness of several months. The funeral services were held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, of which she was a member, Monday, Aug. 12, Revs. S. Matthews and A. C. Holder officiating. The church was filled with sorrowing friends who came to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. She was a faithful Christian and a devoted and loving wife. She leaves to mourn her loss a father, husband, many relatives and friends. Interment was at Mt. Ararat with Alsop & McGavock funeral directors.

HARD KNOCK ON HIS PATE.

A man whose name was not learned was knocked down and badly hurt by a rock thrown by one Sol Bass, who took French leave after seeing he had got his man down and out, if not for good, at least temporarily. The difficulty occurred in the alley leading off Jo Johnston avenue, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, Tuesday night. The cause of the difficulty, it is said, was jealousy. The injured man was drenched with water and had to be worked with considerably before he was brought back to consciousness. The policemen on the beat went in search of the irate Sol, hoping to bag him. But Sol thought any other part of the city would be more comfortable for residence than Jo Johnston avenue—the Pike—the scene of his late escapade.

DINNER PARTY.

Mrs. Nannie Porter, of 808 Cedar street, gave a handsomely planned dinner Tuesday in honor of Miss L. C. Cagle, of Oklahoma City, Okla. The day was pleasantly spent in social chat interspersed with music. There was present besides the honored guest, Mrs. E. C. Coffey, Mrs. Amelia Moore and daughter, Miss V. L. Moore, of Walden; Dr. R. F. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. John Porter, of Eastland; Miss Odessa North and Mrs. Willie Mae Powell.

MR. JAMES YEARGAN.

The many friends of Mr. James Yeargan will be glad to know of his return to the city. He has spent the last two years traveling extensively, but finally located in Kansas City, Mo. He was called home to the bedside of his mother, who was very ill but is now rapidly recovering. Mr. Yeargan is stopping at his brother's home, 2020 Jefferson street. He will be in the city for several days yet. There will be several social entertainments given here in his honor.

CLOSING OUT SALE

FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS

We will close out all spring and summer goods regardless of price. Men's and Boys' Clothing, Hats and Furnishing Goods, Men's Ladies' and Children's Shoes, all up to date styles, must be sold.

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IN HONOR OF BRIDAL PARTY.

Mrs. P. J. Young entertained in honor of the Elliott-McNeal bridal party at her residence, 74 Murray street, on the evening of August 5. Those present were Misses Martin, of Macon, Ga.; Lillian Bright, Martha and Lizzie Wells, Minnie Hunter, Rebecca McCants, Blanche Randalls, Eugenia Walker, Messrs. F. Work, T. Moore, Vincent, J. S. Davis, Mesdames Lula Randalls Johnson, of Knoxville; W. H. Oden, J. S. Davis, D. W. Draper, Mack Blake, Myrtle Blake and Mattie D. Walker served frappe. The evening was pleasantly spent in whist and other games. At eleven o'clock the party led by Mr. McNeal and Miss Elliott were ushered into the dining room, where a two-course menu was served, after which they returned to the parlor, and the time was pleasantly spent until a late hour.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

Tyree Camp of the Church Extension Board of St. John A. M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. Sarah Ellis, 434 Ninth avenue, North, last Friday evening, Mrs. E. C. Coffey, the President, presiding. The attendance was small on account of many members being out of the city. The members were pleased to have in their midst Mrs. Price Seaton and daughter, Mrs. R. C. Erwin and little son, Price Eaton Erwin, Jr.; Miss Ina Patterson, of Covington, Ky.; Mesdames R. A. Phillips and Lee Woodard. Miss Patterson spoke of the woman's work in the churches of her home. Mrs. R. A. Phillips delivered an excellent address on "Success." At the close she recited an original poem and was roundly applauded. During the social hour, the hostess, assisted by Miss Gertrude Mayberry and Mrs. Nannie Porter, served a four-course menu. A vote of thanks was rendered the hostess for her hospitality.

REGISTRATION BOOTHS ARE NOW OPEN.

The first of this week the registration booths in the city and Davidson County were thrown open to the public. Voters are alive to the coming election and are rapidly falling in line. They are preparing to have a say in who shall be the law dispensers in the next city administration. The black voters are unusually active. Many things will come up for adjustment before the next set of officials that vitally concern the Negro, and he is very much concerned about them now, when he can prepare to have a say in the matter. The time is short. The booths will close the first of next week.

DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cartwright, 1722 Patterson street was the scene of a reception last Friday that will be long remembered by those present on account of its beauty and the exquisite taste which marked the whole affair. The honorees of the occasion were the sister and nephew of Mrs. Cartwright, Miss Alice Stevens, Chicago, and Mr. J. Thomas Caruthers, recently graduated from Amherst College, but now located at Bordentown, N. J.

The house was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers. From five to eight o'clock the Flinch Club, composed of a number of the married element, assembled to meet the honorees and later the evening was devoted to the younger set. After a delightful time spent in playing various games the guests assembled in the dining room where supper, consisting of green peas, chicken croquettes, pickles, beaten biscuit, stuffed tomatoes with mayonnaise dressing, sherbet, blanched almond cream, individual cakes, candy. The color scheme of pink and white was carried out in all the table decorations.

Those present were: Mesdames R. S. White, J. C. Thompson, Josie Bradford, George White, B. Caruthers, of Columbia; Misses Alice Stevens, Chicago, Martha Wells, Lizzie Allen, Ethel Spence, Hazel Thompson, Lizzie Wells, Minnie Hunter, Lillian Badger, Lucy White, Georgia Bradford; Messrs. J. Thomas Caruthers, D. Wesley Crutcher, T. Clay Moore, J. O. Battle, Frederick Williams, of Franklin, George White, Jr.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

Tuesday evening while passing under the trestle on Pearl street, the horse attached to a buggy containing, Messrs. J. Fite, A. G. Fite and H. G. Fite, of Fite Bros. Pressing Club, became frightened at a passing train. The occupants were thrown to the ground and slightly injured, Mr. A. G. Fite receiving the most serious injuries. The buggy was completely wrecked. The horse ran up Pearl street, but was stopped by a man whose name the Globe man could not learn.

ONLY NEGRO CONDUCTOR.

Not only does Henry Vanness of Rockville, Conn., enjoy the distinction of being the only Negro railroad conductor in the world, but he also has the honor of being one of the men who have been longest in continuous railroad service in the country, having been employed as a conductor for thirty-three years without a break. He has been employed on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad since it was opened to traffic in 1863. —Exchange.

PROF. R. B. HUDSON COMING.

While a Globe man was on a southern trip, he stopped in Alabama and spent several days at Mobile attending the Baptist State B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Convention, where he met Prof. R. B. Hudson, a prominent member of the Convention. Prof. Hudson is one of the energetic business men of the state of Alabama, being well up in secret organizations. He is principal of the city schools of Selma, which position he has held for more than twelve years; owner of one of the largest business blocks in the city; one of the partners of Hudson Bros. Coal Company; secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention and assistant secretary of the National Baptist Convention. Although a young man, he is identified with all that goes to make up the business men of his city and state. Prof. Hudson is scheduled to visit Nashville within the next two or three weeks on business connected with the National Convention.

STONES RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Many of the ministers and Sunday school workers of Nashville attended the Stones River Association and Sunday School Convention at Eagleville, Tenn., last week. Rev. E. M. Lawrence is Moderator of the Association, while Rev. J. C. Fields, pastor of the Pleasant Green Baptist Church, is President of the Sunday School Convention. Among the delegates to attend from Nashville were Revs. W. S. Ellington, C. H. Clark, E. M. Lawrence, J. C. Fields, W. L. Craft, Mr. Lovell Landers and a few more. The Association and the Convention were both a success notwithstanding it was considerably out of the way from all railroad connections. It was held in a section of the state where Negroes are doing well and own valuable property. It is said that a neat sum was realized for the Roger Williams University movement.

CARNATION CLUB.

Mrs. W. H. Grant, of 636 Fogg street, entertained the Carnation Club Monday afternoon in honor of her guest, Mrs. Lillie Brown Gibson, Cleveland, Ohio. The additional guests were Mrs. Julia Bramlett and Mrs. William Henderson. The home was charmingly decorated throughout. After an hour had been spent in work, the guests were invited into the dining room, where an elaborate three-course menu was served with ices and confections. The table was beautifully decorated, its centerpiece being embroidered peaches, on which rested a stand of peaches, which every one admired. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Matthew Lyerson and Miss Jennie V. Anthony. Those present besides the honoree were Mesdames Wm. Rucker, P. A. Simms, M. S. Amos, J. Polk Fowler, F. A. Turner, Charles Duff, Hal Duff and W. H. Gant.